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PA/PS - MR. TOOMEY (DRAFT)
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOVERNORS' VISIT TO PRC
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1. PRCLO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE CHINESE HOSTS "AGREE TO THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE DELEGATION" AND TO HAVING A SPECIAL PLANE BRING THE DELEGATION TO SHANGHAI MAY 15. (CHINESE WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM SHANGHAI.) THEY SAID THAT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM AND ITINERARY IN CHINA COULD BE WORKED OUT AFTER ARRIVAL. WE PROMISED TO PROVIDE DETAILED FLIGHT INFORMATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. (FYI WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION BY THIS WEEK END OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.)

2. WASHINGTON ESCORTS HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FINALLY DETERMINED. HOWEVER, WE INFORMED PRCLO THAT MR. AND MRS. ANDERSON WILL BE USLO ESCORTS TO THE DELEGATION.
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SUGGEST THAT IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO YOU ALSO

INFORM CPIFA OR MFA ABOUT ANDERSONS. WE AGREE THAT HAVING ANDERSONS MEET DELEGATION IN SHANGHAI WOULD BE USEFUL AND SUGGEST YOU RAISE THIS AS WELL WITH CPIFA OR MFA.

3. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE TRIP. IF QUESTION NOT RAISED AT DEPARTMENT'S

DAILY NOON PRESS BRIEFING, WE PLAN TO MAKE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK. IN THE EVENT THAT PRESS QUERIES ARE RECEIVED BEFORE THAT TIME, THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED:

QUOTE: QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE TIMING AND ITINERARY OF THE GOVERNORS' TRIP TO THE PRC?

ANSWER: THE GOVERNORS' DELEGATION WILL BE LEAVING THE US ON MAY 12 ARRIVING IN THE PRC MAY 15. THE TRIP WILL ORIGINATE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND WILL GO VIA SEATTLE (WHERE GOVERNOR AND MRS. EVANS AND GOVERNOR AND MRS. RAMPTON WILL BOARD) WITH OVERNIGHT STOPS IN HONOLULU AND GUAM. I DO NOT HAVE EXACT TIMES NOW, BUT I WILL GIVE THEM TO YOU WHEN AVAILABLE, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION FROM THAT ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED?

ANSWER: NO, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE. ALL OF THE GOVERNORS ORIGINALLY NAMED HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY WILL BE GOING.

QUESTION: HOW WILL THEY TRAVEL? ON A SPECIAL PLANE? WHO PAYS?

ANSWER: YES, THE CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO A SPECIAL PLANE AS FAR AS SHANGHAI. TRANSPORTATION WITHIN CHINA WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE PRC. THIS DELEGATION IS SIMILAR IN CHARACTER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE GONE TO THE PRC BEFORE UNDER OFFICIAL USG AUSPICES.
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THEREFORE, AS IN THOSE VISITS THE USG WILL PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION.

QUESTION: CAN THE PRESS BE INCLUDED?

ANSWER: THE CHINESE DID NOT INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN THE INVITATION, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ASK THEM TO DO SO NOW. IF ANY OF YOU WANT

TO APPROACH THE CHINESE INDIVIDUALLY IN THIS REGARD AND
MAKE YOUR OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS YOU ARE, OF COURSE,
FREE TO DO SO.

QUESTION: ARE THE GOVERNORS COMING TO WASHINGTON TO MEET
WITH USG OFFICIALS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?

ANSWER: THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR WIVES WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY, MAY 3 FOR BRIEFINGS BY WHITE HOUSE
AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. THE ACTING SECRETARY OF
STATE WILL HOST A LUNCHEON IN THEIR HONOR THAT DAY.

QUESTION: WILL THEY SEE THE PRESIDENT?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW. YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH THE WHITE
HOUSE ON THAT.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL THEIR ITINERARY BE WHILE IN CHINA?

ANSWER: WE DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF
POSSIBILITIES TO THE CHINESE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR
STANDARD PRACTICE FOR VISITING DELEGATIONS, THEY HAVE
RESPONDED THAT DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT ON ARRIVAL.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE DELEGATION RETURN?

ANSWER: THE DELEGATION WAS INVITED FOR TEN DAYS.
BECAUSE OF THE OPEN-ENDED NATURE OF THE ITINERARY,
HOWEVER, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN THE RETURN WILL BE
AND WON'T KNOW UNTIL AFTER THE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN THE
PRC. IT WILL BE SOME TIME AROUND MAY 26TH. WHEN THOSE
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU.

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QUESTION: WHO IS ACCOMPANYING THE DELEGATION?

ANSWER: THERE WILL BE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT
ESCORTS. THE NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN FINALLY SET; WHEN THEY
HAVE BEEN I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU. END QUOTE.

4. HUANG CHEN IS HOSTING A DINNER FOR THE DELEGATION
MAY 2 AT THE PRCLC.

5. APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS RE MAY 3 BRIEFING
(REFTEL); THEY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO OUR
PRESENTATION.
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